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County ; Clinton and Solomon, De Witt County ; Vandalia and Otego Township, Fayette County ; Dixon, Lee County ; Pellonia, Massac County ; near Oak Post Office, in Pope County ; Galatia, Saline County ; Littleton Township, Schuyler County ; Ashley, Washington County, and Creal Springs, Williamson County.

As all cases are not reported to the board, it is probable that many more cases have occurred than are indicated above. The disease is well under control except in Hardin and Pope counties, in which the State board of health will take measures to enforce isolation and quarantine. These counties are not under township organization, hence outside of incorporated municipalities, of which there are but a few in the counties ; there are no local health authorities.

Owing to the mild character of the disease prevailing and the few fatalities reported, it is exceedingly difficult to institute vaccination. The majority of cases of smallpox reported have been diagnosed chicken pox, either Cuban or Porto Rican, and "Cuban Itch."

Respectfully,

J. A. EGAN, M. D.,  
Secretary.

*Smallpox on the steamship John Oades at Buffalo.*

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 1, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you as follows: On Friday, April 27, 1900, there arrived at this port the steamer *John Oades*, six days out from Chicago, laden with grain, and carrying a crew of 15. One of the crew, John Driscoll, complained of being ill, and on arrival here was put ashore upon which he immediately went to the Sisters' Hospital. The health commissioner was summoned to see this man and pronounced him as being afflicted with smallpox. He was, thereupon, removed to the municipal quarantine hospital where he is now being cared for. The steamer has been thoroughly fumigated, the crew vaccinated, and the steamer and crew are now held in quarantine at the outer breakwater.

Respectfully,

ERNEST WENDE,  
Health Commissioner.

*Smallpox in Southampton County, Va.*

RICHMOND, VA., April 28, 1900.

SIR: Your letter of the 27th instant, apprising me that there is an epidemic disease at Franklin, Southampton County, Va., concerning which there is doubt as to whether it is smallpox or chicken pox, received. There may be some doubt in the minds of the doubting Thomases, but the local profession, as well as our health officer, reports that it is smallpox, and the matter has been taken in hand by them.

Thanking you for the information received, believe me,

Respectfully,

PAULUS A. IRVING,  
Secretary.

REPORTS FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER.

*El Paso, Tex., April 28, 1900.*—I have the honor to report the following work at the station for the week ended April 28, 1900: Inspection of Mexican Central Railroad passenger trains, 247 persons ; inspection of Rio Grande and Pacific Railroad trains, 34 persons ; inspection of immigrants, 48 ; disinfection of blankets, clothing, etc., of immigrants, 18 ; disinfection of soiled linen imported for laundry, 312 pieces ; disin-